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In re the Application of

Akira NAGAE et al. Group Art Unit: 3613

Application No.: 09/436,219 Examiner: M. Burch

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For: DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING OVER-ROLLING OF VEHICLE BODY

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

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In reply to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2001, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the Information Disclosure Statements filed on November 30, 2000 and April 24, 2001.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 3, 5 and 6 provided they are rewritten to include the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have not rewritten the claims as suggested, however, because Applicants believe that all claims are patentable for reasons presented below.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Japanese Harada et al. (JP 10-278762) (corresponding to U.S. Patent 6,081,761 to Harada et al.) in view of Mine et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

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